



Biography

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Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish United States Air Force Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish is the director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC. The BMDO is Presidentially-chartered and mandated by Congress to acquire highly effective ballistic missile defense systems for forward-deployed and expeditionary elements of the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, BMDO will develop options, and if directed, acquire systems for ballistic missile defense of the United States. As director, General Kadish is the Acquisition Executive for all Ballistic Missile Defense systems and programs.



The general entered the Air Force in 1970 after graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at St. Joseph's University. He was the program director for the F-15, F-16 and C-17 System Program offices, as well as director for manufacturing and quality assurance for the B-1B System Program Office. He is a senior pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours, primarily in the C-130. Before assuming his current position, he was commander, Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA. He was responsible for the Air Force's Center of Excellence for command and control systems, handling more than \$3 billion in programs annually.

EDUCATION:

1970 Bachelor of science degree in chemistry, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia
1975 Master's degree in business administration, University of Utah
1975 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
1981 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
1988 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
1990 Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1970 - June 1971, student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance Air Force Base, OK
2. June 1971 - June 1974, C-130E pilot and instructor pilot, 62nd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR
3. June 1974 - June 1976, wing operations staff officer, 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR
4. June 1976 - June 1977, Air Force Institute of Technology's Education-with-Industry, Vought Corp., Dallas
5. July 1977 - August 1980, subsystem co-production officer, F-16 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
6. August 1980 - June 1981, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
7. June 1981 - March 1982, C-130E instructor pilot, 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany
8. April 1982 - January 1983, wing and base chief, aircrew standardization and evaluation division, 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany
9. January 1983 - July 1984, operations officer, 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany
10. July 1984 - September 1985, director for manufacturing and quality assurance, B-1B System Program Office, aeronautical systems division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
11. September 1985 - July 1987, executive to the commander, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
12. July 1987 - June 1988, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
13. June 1988 - July 1989, chief, program integration division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, DC
14. July 1989 - May 1990, military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, DC.
15. May 1990 - September 1990, student, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA
16. September 1990 - August 1992, F-15 program director, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
17. August 1992 - September 1993, F-16 program director, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
18. October 1993 - August 1996, program director for the C-17 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH
19. August 1996 – June 1999, commander, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA
20. June 1999 – present, director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: C-130, T-37, T-39, F-16, F-15, C-17

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Force Recognition Medal

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Long

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 3, 1970

First Lieutenant December 14, 1971

Captain December 14, 1973

Major November 28, 1979

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 1985

Colonel September 1, 1989

Brigadier General September 1, 1993

Major General October 1, 1995

Lieutenant General August 16, 1996

(Current as of September 2000)